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SUBJECT: PAR VALUE OF THE U.S. DOLLAR

REF: STATE 206529 OF OCTOBER 18, 1973

1. THE BANK OF ENGLAND HAS QUERIED US ABOUT THE FOLLOWING:  
WHEN THE U.S. FORMALIZED THE NEW PAR VALUE FOR THE DOLLAR  
ON OCTOBER 18, 1973 (REFTEL), IMPLEMENTING THE 10 PERCENT  
DEVALUATION PROPOSED ON FEBRUARY 12, 1973, THE DOLLAR'S  
NEW PAR VALUE WAS ESTABLISHED AS EQUAL TO 0.828948 SPECIAL  
DRAWING RIGHT WITH THE PAR VALUE IN TERMS OF GOLD AT  
\$42.22 PER FINE TROY OUNCE (0.0236842 OF A FINE TROY  
OUNCE). THE QUESTION NOW IS, WITH A FLOATING VALUE FOR  
THE SDR, WHAT IS THE CURRENT DEFINITION OF THE DOLLAR,  
I.E. IS IT STILL DEFINED IN TERMS OF GOLD OR IN TERMS OF  
SDR'S. IF IT IS DEFINED IN TERMS OF SDR'S, DOES THE  
VALUE MOVE UP AND DOWN, OR IS THERE SOME FIXED NORM.

2. ANSWER WOULD BE APPRECIATED ASAP.

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